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Local Speed Demon Tastes the 'Big Apple'

[Jonathan Daehlin] - At the outset it should be remarked that procrastination is one of my great attributes. It is for this reason that I am just now submitting this for your reading pleasure. The following events occurred during the month of March.

My youngest sister's interests do not include those things pertaining to the realm of Caissa. However, in spite of this shortcoming on her part, I love her dearly. Her passion is music, with an emphasis on the vocal arena. She decided it would be worth her while to move to New York City to pursue her dreams. She moved out there this past October and is enjoying her time in New York immensely. Fortunately, I was able to acquire a fantastically cheap airline ticket out there this past March. I decided it was time to make a pilgrimage to the Mecca of Chess within the American Realm of Influence -- the Manhattan Chess Club.

Prior to my arrival at this most prestigious American institution of chess I discovered, to my delight, that there are other little gems of 'the black and white world' throughout the Big Apple.

My sister resides at the northern end of Manhattan. My second day in New York she decided to accompany me on my explorations for that day. We grabbed the Blue Line and angled our way over to Washington Square. Scenes from Columbia Pictures *"Searching for Bobby Fischer"* dancing in my head, I was obligated to make an appearance.

My first impression was actually a bit gray. Perhaps if it had been a June afternoon or something my experience would have been a bit more merry, but that was not the case. It was March and the wind was blowing while a gray sky lingered.

We exited the subway approximately two blocks away and when we arrived at Washington Square my first observation was the long string of NYPD vehicles lining the side of the street, including one paddy wagon. My second observation was the large sign indicating that any prohibited activity discovered in this area would be fair game for the local law enforcement boys and girls. The atmosphere Columbia Pictures presented in the movie is for real.

And there they were -- like wolves waiting to pounce on the lost lambs. "Chess, chess!!!" This was all one heard aside from the various utterances indicating rage at hanging and dropping pieces. The going rate was five bucks a shot. After I had just entered this arena a middle-aged fellow approached me and inquired as to whether or not I had any interest in a game of Speed Scrabble. My curiosity aroused I asked about his rules. Although it sounded appealing I kindly rejected his offer and began my chess investigations. Caissa's calls were more pronounced than Daniel Webster's.

I was drawn over to one of the chessboards by a friendly looking fellow wearing a small cap and sporting a small mustache. His nationality looked a bit Middle Eastern. He wanted to play for two bucks a game. I obliged him and he promptly cleaned my clock. I took it upon myself to make inquiries of the

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caliber of players here and be informed me that most of these guys did not play in tournaments, but just played for money in the park. That being the case, ratings were nonexistent. After observing a few more games in progress, I made my departure. I left with the conviction to return for my battles of the board.

My sister and I then crossed the street and began to wander up another which ran perpendicular to Washington Square. This particular lane is known as Thomsen Street. The fourth or fifth shop on our left was The Chess Shop. Needless to say an appearance was mandatory. Upon entering the premises we found a very quaint and old decor gracing the place. One game of chess was in progress. An onlooker studied the position.

The young and friendly proprietor asked if he could be of any assistance. I just made the general inquiries as to what this shop had to offer and such. I was standing at a glass counter, much like one would find in a jewelry store. Adorning the interior of the cabinet were beautiful and varied chess sets available for purchase. There were more gracing the large counter behind the gentleman.

He proceeded to explain that anyone is welcome to come in and play chess here. The cost was one dollar an hour, but if one were to borrow a clock the total cost would be one dollar and sixty cents an hour. Before wandering over to the game in progress I asked him about the caliber of players who frequented this establishment and he asked me to glance over at the game in progress. Having done this he told me that the onlooker over there does not have on official rating, but he plays at Grandmaster strength. This young fellow continued with his commentary. "He has played with the best of them. He even played Bobby Fischer when Fischer was a teenager." This would fascinate any chess fanatic, myself included. Having thanked him for his time and help my sister and I wandered over to the game to have a look-see.

The two fellows playing were not using a clock. After a few minutes of watching one of the fellows asked me if I would like to play a game. Delighted, I accepted promptly. I did make the inquiry if we could use a clock and play blitz. The gentleman hesitated a bit and stated that blitz was not his forte, but he complied. Amazingly, I beat him. However, I don't think I would have had a chance against him in a longer time control. I thanked him for the game and we played a couple more. Upon finishing our chess time I proceeded to chat with the 'onlooker'. We talked a bit of chess, and a few minutes later he was reciting lengthy bits of poetry from God-knows-where. It was both flowing and melodic. A few minutes later we departed, pledging to return before my flight back to Minnesota.

Just as we departed this place I noticed yet another Mecca for the chessaholic -- right across the street. There it was: The Chess Forum. A visit was, of course, mandatory. It was pretty much the same kind of place as The Chess Shop, but the atmosphere was a bit more befitting a chess scene. Old photographs of World Chess Champions and the like graced the walls. The musty air in the building even added a bit of color to the place. It was pretty dead at this time but the fellow running the place assured me that it would be humming in the evenings. My list of places to visit was once again growing.

I would not be able to spend a large segment of time with my sister during this trip, so we decided to head out and do some sightseeing the rest of that day.

Two days later, after a full day of sightseeing, including touring the USS Intrepid, an aircraft carrier which saw duty during the Second World War, the Korean War, the Vietnam Conflict and space capsule recoveries, I checked my tour book and made a call to the Manhattan Chess Club. I wanted to double check the address. It was a good thing that I called, because they had indeed moved to a new location. To my pleasant surprise this new location was closer to my present location than the former one.

The club is located in one of those brownstone rowhouse buildings, an elegant green awning adorning it's entrance. Upon entering the club I found a well stocked chess store off to my left and the playing area straight ahead of me. The fellow running the store possessed a wealth of information which I quite naturally pumped. I was able to sit down and play some blitz with a few people. An IM gracing the place that afternoon, after learning that I was from Minnesota and sensing that a New York chess visit should entail more than what I was experiencing on this particular afternoon, inquired as to how long my visit to Manhattan would be. Having supplied him with this information he told me to come back on Friday evening for their weekly rapids. This was the terminology they employed for blitz tourneys. He then informed me that Joel Benjamin and John Fedorowicz were regulars at this event.

Friday evening arrived and I made a beeline for the Manhattan. I came a couple of hours early to get in some blitz. After a while Mr. Benjamin arrived and was browsing in the chess shop. After finishing the game I was playing I went over to the shop and said 'Hi!'. Upon learning that I originated from the Minnesota/North Dakota Realm of Chess he immediately inquired about the Governor's Cup in Sioux Falls. It was fun meeting a player of his caliber.

The rapids started up and I really got into them. I was able to overwhelm two of my opponents, but the others trounced me as if I was just wasting their time. After completing my section I enjoyed a lengthy session watching the Grandmasters flying over their chessboards with a fury that almost suggested a force of violence rather than that of a 'guiocco piano'. I believe I was a momentary source of frustration for Mr. Benjamin. I snapped a photo of him while he was engaged on one of his blitz games. The flash momentarily startled him, although my intentions were not to do so. I stood several tables away when

I took the photo. Well, I guess I got a souvenir.

Taking in the sights at Times Square at night is a must and I made several trips down there to do so. Prior to those visits I made some return trips to The Chess Forum and The Chess Shop. One evening I played approximately five straight hours of blitz. Gracing the atmosphere during these sessions were accents out of Odessa, Moscow and the Hispanic realm of influence. The one disheartening aspect of the whole experience was the omnipresence of tobacco smoke hovering over the whole place. However, these chess related activities in Manhattan were extremely entertaining and I highly recommend them to anyone planning an excursion to the Big Apple.

NDCA Dues

NDCA dues are required of all chess players residing in North Dakota that play in USCF rated tournaments. Annual membership dues are $7 per year, or $5 for ages 18 and under. Please check the membership expiration date on your newsletter mailing label! Don't miss the next issue by letting your NDCA membership expire!

Dues, Chess Club Announcements, Tournament Announcements, game scores, and comments for the December 1999 newsletter should be sent to:

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Please remit dues by November 25, 1999 to allow time for processing. Materials submitted for inclusion in the December 1999 newsletter must be received by 5:00pm on November 30.

Chess Clubs

The **ChessNuts Chess Club** meets every Friday night at the downtown Moorhead Subway from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. There are no fees or dues of any kind. Club ratings are generated based on G/15 results. For more information, contact Brian Thompson at (701) 298-0602.

The **UND Chess Club** meets Wednesday nights at 7:00p.m. in the Mandan room of the Student Union Building. There are no fees or dues of any kind. The club is not meeting during the summer months, and should resume in early September. For more information, contact Dale Sailer at (701) 775-6692.

Tournament Schedule

2000 ND Closed -May 12-14, 2000 at the Doublewood Inn, Bismarck.

Friday (May 12): Speed Chess Round Robin Tournament. Registration from 7:00pm to 7:20 pm with the first round beginning at 7:30pm. EF: $1.00 (winner takes all prize fund). NDCA membership required. Unrated.

Saturday (May 13): North Dakota Championship Tournament. Register at the Friday night Speed Tournament, or from 8:00am to 9:00am Saturday. EF: $25.00, with a $5 discount to those staying at the Doublewood Inn (room number required for discount). Juniors (18 and under) and Seniors (55 and over) receive a $5 discount. Six round, Swiss System pairing.

Saturday: 10am (G/60M), 1pm (G/90M), 4pm (G/90M), 8pm (G/2H).

Sunday: 9am (G/2H), 2pm (G/2H).

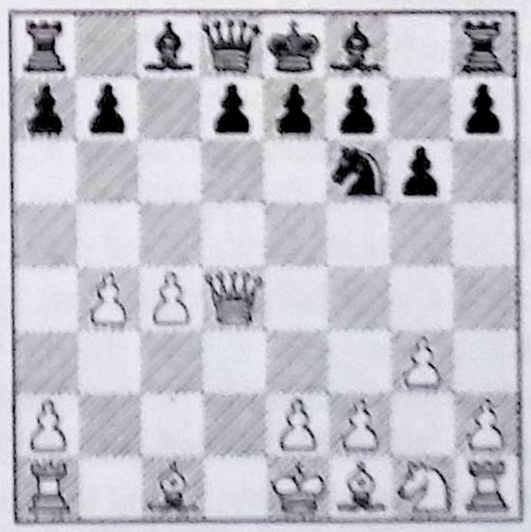
If all games in a round finish early, the directors will adjust the start times of the following rounds in order to finish each days' events as early as possible. One ½ point bye available for rounds 1 thru 5 (notify the director before the start of the first round). Both USCF and NDCA memberships required. For more information, contact Brian Thompson at (701) 298-0602.

Mike's Advice Corner

[Mike Sailer]

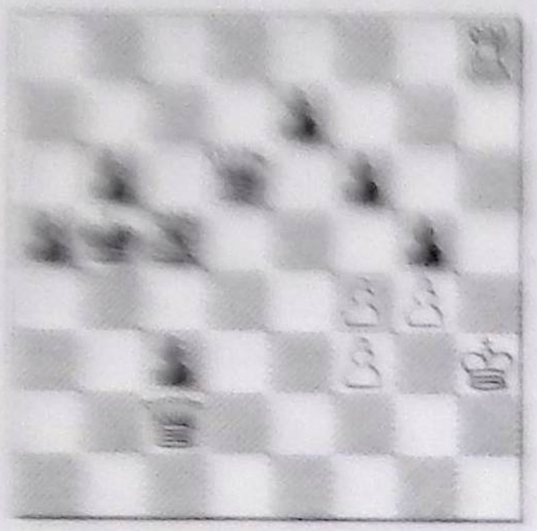
White: Jasmin Zulic 2025
Black: Mike Sailer 2220
1999 Governors Cup, 3rd Round

1.d4 Nf6 2.4 c5 3.dc (This throws away White's first move advantage. White needs to play 3.d5 in order to gain a space advantage.) **3..Na6 4.Nc3 Nxc5 5.b4** (White needs to be careful that his queenside pawns don't become targets. Simple development is probably a better idea this early in the game.) **5..Ne4 6.Nxe4** (I don't think the exchange of knights is of any great benefit to White. As more pieces get exchanged, White's queenside will become weaker and weaker.) **8..Nxe4 7.Qd4** (White does have a pretty nice centralized queen, but he won't be able to maintain it.) **7..Nf6 8.g3 g6**

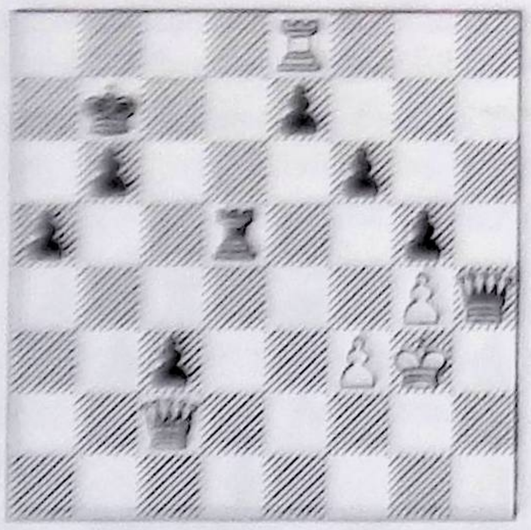


(This move might seem strange, but it is the best way to neutralize White's long-diagonal battery aimed at Black's kingside. Now it is White that needs to be careful.) **9.Bg2 Bg7 10.Bb2 O-O**

46.Qb6+ Qd6 47.Qe4+ Kb5 48.Qe2 g5 (At this point, White has given Black a free move. I considered trying to nurse my c-pawn up the board, but decided to launch a counter-attack of my own against White's king.) **49.Kh3** (After this move, the game is essentially over. White's rook and queen will no longer have any coordination together.)



49...Qxf4 50.Qd3+ Qc4 51.Qb1+ Ka6 52.Qe2 Rd5 (White is now helpless against Black penetrating his king position. The game ends shortly.) **53.Ra8+ Kb7 54.Re8 Qf1+ 55.Kg3 Qg1+ 56.Kh3 Qh1+ 57.Kg3 Qh4+**



***White Resigns* (0-1)**

After the game I found out my opponent is the current Iowa state champion. I would encourage everyone to keep the Governor's Cup in the back of their mind for next year. It is by far the best annual tournament in this part of the country. To put it in perspective, I was the 14th highest rated player in the tournament. Four Grandmasters and five International Masters played in the tournament.)

The Rest of the Story

[John Leitel] - Not long ago I spotted two young men coming down our front sidewalk. They were clean cut, well groomed, wearing white shirts, dark ties, dark slacks, carrying briefcases . . . I won't say just what group they belonged to, but you can probably guess their purpose. I told them we're already active in church and sent them on their way with a firm handshake and a wish for good luck.

As I closed the door again I got to thinking: What if chess clubs and their members were imbued with such evangelical zeal? What if we went out two by two (maybe eight by eight would be more fitting), wearing matching outfits (checkered shirts, I suppose, rather than white) and looked for players by knocking on doors up one street and down the next? Think we'd have any luck? Well, who can say? We could try it this way:

"Good day, Madam. We're from the ChessNuts Club. We'd like to talk to you about the Royal Game. Perhaps we could come in? . . . If nothing else, we'd like to leave this free copy of *"My System"* by Nimzovich with you. It will answer all the questions you have on important topics like Over-protecting Your Pawns, Blockading with a Knight, and Mysterious Rook Moves. Don't you agree that these are vital issues to be considering in these latter days?"

Now its quite possible that if we tried this type of approach, we might hear some of the same kinds of responses that itinerant evangelists often do. Those responses might go something like this:

"They're just a bunch of hypocrites at chess club! They say they'll never again take the QNP with the queen, but they always do. Hypocrites!"

"One time I heard about a player who ran off with the tournament director, so that always left a sour taste in my mouth about chess clubs and I've never wanted to go to one."

"Well, uh, we already go to *some* club and are very satisfied with it. But maybe we'll keep you in mind."

"You don't have to go to a club to believe in them. I can please at the game just as much where I'm working in my garden."

"Yeah, that's probably about what you'd hear. But, still, you never know. There might be some potential players out there who would respond to an invitation of some sort."

Consider the guy who played White in the following game. Many of these parts remember him very well. He once related how his decades-long involvement with chess began through a chance conversation with a casual acquaintance in a bowling alley. The guy said he'd teach him chess, and the rest was history. Well, he sure made history out of me!

Postal Challenge Match, CCLA
October 1977 - March 1978
W: Sommer Sorenson
B: John Leitel
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 c6 7.O-O Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nbd7 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Ne8 12.Be3 Nc7 13.Qd2 Nb6 14.h3 Nbd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bf2 f6 17.c4 Nc7 18.exf6 exf6 19.Rad1 f5

20.Qb4 Rb8 21.d5 cxd5 22.Rxd5 Resigns (1-0)

Nothing like having to resign when material is still even! But there's little reason to continue. A pretty pathetic display on Black's part. At least I

managed to draw the second game.

But my point is this: That's a pretty good player to have come out of a bowling alley! Maybe there are more such prospects out there someplace. Maybe there are a few who would respond to a little encouragement on our part. Who can tell?

How, then, can you be an apostle for chess? How can you spread the word concerning the game we all love? You may not do it door to door, but I'll bet you could find some way to do it. And that, friends, is the sermon for this day! Amen!

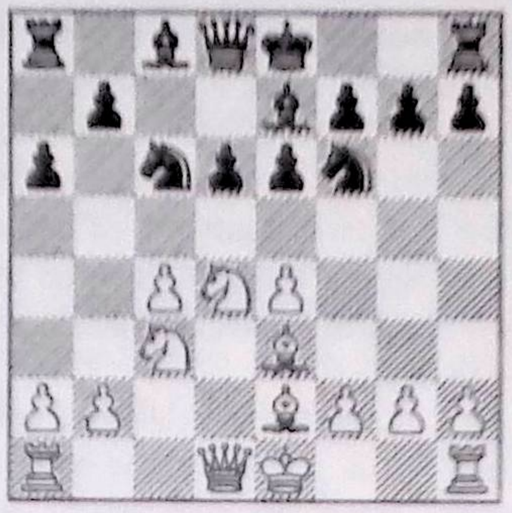
(Correction Department: In Bayley vs. Weare last issue, White's 11th move should be Qd3. Sorry. BT)

'Check' It Out

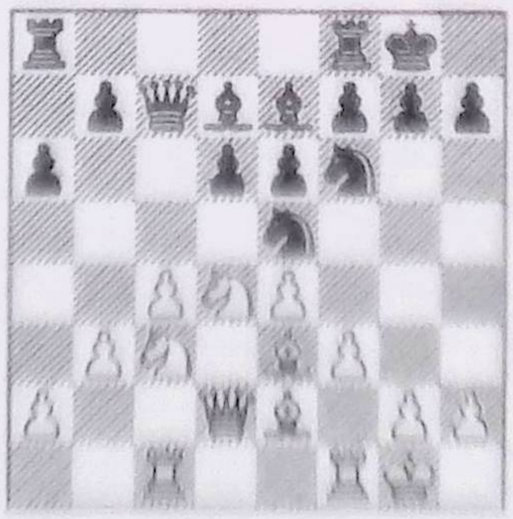
"Unwinding the Bind"

[John Kasper] - The following game from the 1999 Chicago Open is presented mainly as a basis for discussing some of the basic ideas of the Marozcy Bind. The Bind, where White attempts a stranglehold on the center with pawns at e4 and c4, usually arises from variations of the English, King's Indian and Sicilian. Black's key pawn breaks are ..d5, ..b5, or ..f5. Much of the following discussion is based on *"Pawn Structure Chess"* by Andrew Soltis, a book I highly recommend.

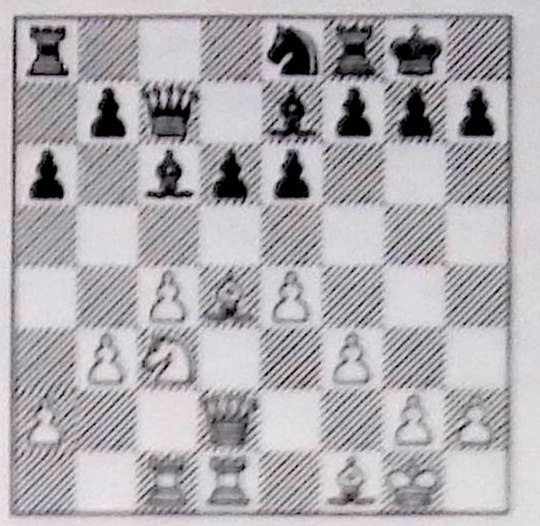
1999 Chicago Open
K Kasper (2310)
D Kamps (2166)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 (This surprised me. While I was used to thinking of White dressing the Marozcy Bind in the Sicilian only after Black fianchetto his king's bishop, in this game White obviously does not care what set-up Black chooses. Having never played against the Bind in a tournament game, I elected to adopt a "standard" Sicilian set-up with pawns on d6 and d6 rather than play a Dragon position with which I was even less familiar.) **3...Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Be2 Be7 8.Be3 a6** (Black is already skating on thin ice. This last move is probably playable but with my next two moves I clearly will be guilty of loss of time and poor piece placement. Black should castle and quickly break with ..d5.)



9.Qd2 Qc7 10.f3 Ne5 11.b3 Bd7 12.Rc1 O-O 13.O-O (Black has problems. He has allowed White time to consolidate the Bind and his piece placement makes the ..d5 break suicidal at this point. Meanwhile the ..b5 break has been stopped by White as well.)



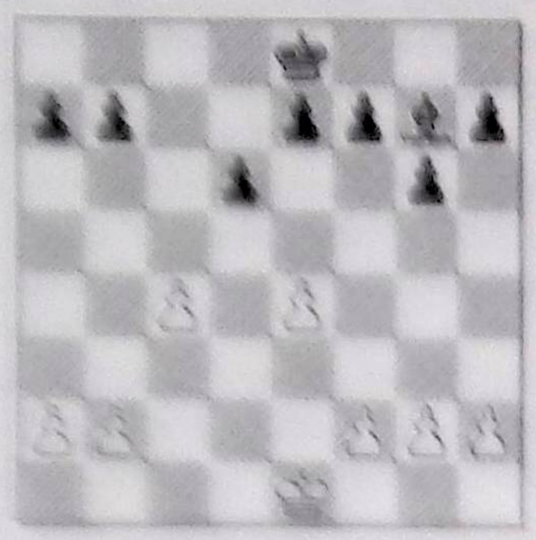
13...Nc6 14.Rfd1 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Nc8 16.Bf1 Bc6
(This last move does nothing but run into a nice tactical shot by White. Black's last, best hope is prepping to break with ..f5, and although this would be very dangerous it should give some counterplay. Black must not be passive against the Bind or White's space advantage is usually crushing.)



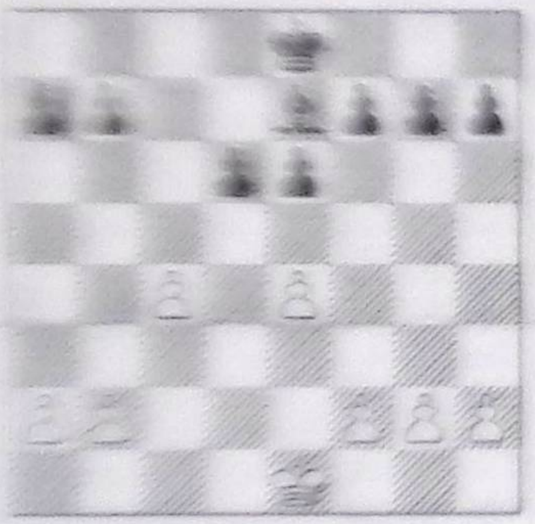
17.Nd5! Bxd5 18.cxd5 Qd7 19.Bb6 (I believe White falters a bit here. 19.dxe6 looks stronger to me. Now Black is able to work in his ..f5 break after all and White allows Black to trade off his bad bishop.)
19...e5 20.Rc3 Bd8 21.Qf2 (Again, White should keep his bishop pair.)
21...Bxb6 22.Qxb6 Rc8 23.Rdc1 Rxc3 24.Rxc3 Bd8 25.exf5 Rxf5 26.Bd3 Rf7 27.Qe3 Nf6 28.Be4 Ne5 29.Qe1 g6 30.a4 Nf6 31.Qe3 Kg7 (Black's advantage has largely disappeared. He has a grip on the c file but Black has the better minor piece. Yes, there's play left in the position and the knight probably belongs on f4, but for better or worse a draw was agreed here, and I felt pretty lucky considering the earlier position.)

Draw Agreed (½-½)

Now let's try to put the Marozcy Bind, specifically as it arises from the Sicilian, into perspective. Soltis divides the Sicilian form of the Bind into two groups. One, the Dragon Maroczy, is shown below with only the key pawns and pieces:



The second form, which is what occured in the above game, Soltis terms the Schevengen-Maroczy which is shown below:



Note that if you take this last position and Sanchetto Black's queen bishop, you would have the skeletal outline of the so-called Hedgehog formation. This is another set-up Black can use versus the Bind, usually arising from the English but sometimes the Sicilian, especially the Paulson/Kan variation.

In the Maroczy Bind, if White is given the time or opportunity to consolidate, his central space advantage and grip on d5 can be disasterous for Black, and often leads to kingside attacks spearheaded by f4-f5 and/or Nd5. White can also play for a central break with c4-c5. Alternatively, if White has superior piece activity on the Qside, he can consider a c4-c5 break.

As mentioned, Black will be smothered if he is passive, and his main pawn breaks are ..d5, ..b5, and ..f5. A glance at the Dragon position shows that the ..d5 break is not often used in that formation since the preparatory ..e6 together with ..Bg7 tends to leave the d6 pawn vulnerable. Conversely, in looking at the Schevengen diagram, Black is already "prepped" for ..d5 since he has already played ..e6 and also his pawn on d6 is protected by ..Be7. Other strategies used by Black include:

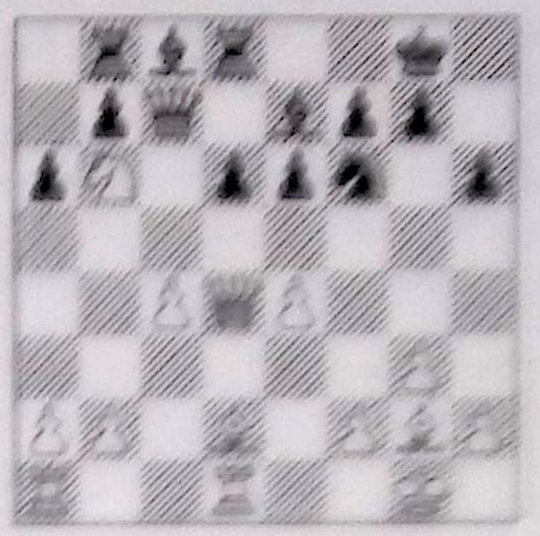
1. Playing ..Bxc3 to rupture White's Qside pawns. More often seen with the Dragon because of bishop positioning.

2. Playing ..e5 to take advantage of White's hole at d4. Although Black then has to deal with his own hole at d5 and a backward pawn at d6, if he sinks a piece at d5 he blocks the d file.

Let's look at an example of each of these Black strategies, using the Schevengen formation for consistency and brevity. Here's a line from the Encyclopaedia of Modern Chess Openings where Black obtains equality with a quick ..d5 when his king is safely out of the center:

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 e6 6.c4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Be3 O-O 9.Be2 d5

The following position was reached in Kozlov-Sakadin, 1993. From here Black nicely combines the ..e5, ..f5, and ..b5 ideas to achieve his own strong, mobile center while destroying White's. Only part of the remaining moves are given, but Black eventually won with a kingside attack.



1.e5 2.Qe2 Ng8 3.f4 b5 4.a4 Bg7 5.Bxg5 hxg5 6.Nxg5 Rxh2 7.Rh1 f6 8.exf6 Nf6 9.Rxh2 gxf6 10.Bg7 e6 11.Rd1 b4 12.exd6+ Kf8 13.fxg5 Rxd6

Finally, the opening move from Speilmann-Bertum, 1920 are given to show that the ..Bxc3 idea can occur with the Schevengen Bind, although it must be admitted Black subsequently lost:

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc2 Be7 7.Nc3 Nxd4 8.Bd3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5

I hope this introduction to the Maroczy Bind has been of some help. The richness of strategic ideas available to both sides should ensure that it will remain popular for a long time to come.

1999 Denker Report

[Don Salter] - My trip to Reno, NV was one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life. I started playing chess the

second I got there and didn't stop(for too long at least) until the last day.

On the Saturday night that I arrived I played in the big WBCA blitz tournament. Although I played pretty poorly I had a great time. On Sunday through Thursday I played in one Denker game in the morning and one US Open game at night. I did fairly well in each. I won 2.5 out of 5 in the Denker which I was very pleased with; And in the US Open I got 3 out of 5 which when added to the 1 out of 4 I received for the busy man's schedule is 4 out of 9. I came pretty close to winning $1500 which really stunk to realize after the fact.

Playing in the tournaments was fun but the most fun things to do were watch the games on the top boards and go to some of the Grandmaster seminars. My first game of the US Open lasted only 1 hour because my opponent never showed up and my third game lasted only 15 minutes because my opponent moved way too fast. On these two nights I attended some game analysis seminars by GM Edmar Mednis and had him go over one of my games. He's quite a funny character.

On a few days when my Denker game finished in time I also tried to attend the seminar given by GM Larry Evans. I didn't learn as much from him because he seemed to be geared to teaching the more advanced players but it was still interesting to see a few of the exciting games from the Open he went over.

If you ever have a chance to go over the Miles vs. Browne game from the US Open I suggest you do. It has to be one of the most exciting games I've ever seen.

Aside from the chess there was also giant Circus Circus arcades and some amazing buffets. Anyone who knows me knows that I like buffets and Reno has about the best buffets around. I think I must have eaten too much iron or something because I set off two metal detectors on the way home.

Internet Chess

Chess Training Tools for FREE!

[John Allensworth] - Everyone likes something for free. This may be especially true for a frugal class of people we know as chess players.

For chess training the two websites mentioned herein provide resources which work together to improve anyone's chess.

ChessBase's website at chessbase.com offers the free version of ChessBase known as ChessBase light. It is a full-featured program, with most of the features of the $300 version. It is a great pgn games reader in addition to viewing ChessBase format games.

There are a variety of searches and other data manipulations that the ChessBase light program quickly performs to aid the aspiring player to look at and analyze chess game positions.

Also included is the free analysis engine - Fritz 4. Just by clicking on the computer chip icon in the game window the user will start Fritz busily analyzing the current position - complete with variations and numerical assessments.

I have only mentioned a couple of the main features of this fine program. I encourage all interested chess players to download ChessBase light for themselves from the ChessBase website.

Complementing ChessBase light is Gunther Ossimitz's Chess Game Collection at his website. The web address is http://marina.fortunecity.com/coconut/363/index.htm#Games.

There are many game collections in Herr Professor Ossimitz's collection. All are available for free in ChessBase format.

There are collections of games of recent and historic chess tournaments and matches. Some of the collections have games annotated by Fritz.

What most excited me were the game collections from some top notch chess books. These collections are legal because they don't have the text commentary, etc. of the authors.

Included in these game collections from recent books include Essential Chess Endings by Jeremy Silman, Bruce Pandolfini's Endgame Course, Botvinnik's 100 Games, and several more very helpful collections. The collection that has me very excited is The Middlegame by Euwe and Kramer. By special arrangement with the publisher of the printed version, Bradley Loh of Australia has completely reproduced both volumes of this classic work to be read by ChessBase. This includes all text and games. He has also set up training positions to test the reader. The caveat here is one must know the name of a chessplayer who played Teichmann in a certain part of the book. An interested reader could simply borrow the book from Interlibrary Loan, find the name, and unlock this classic chess work, now fully in electronic form.

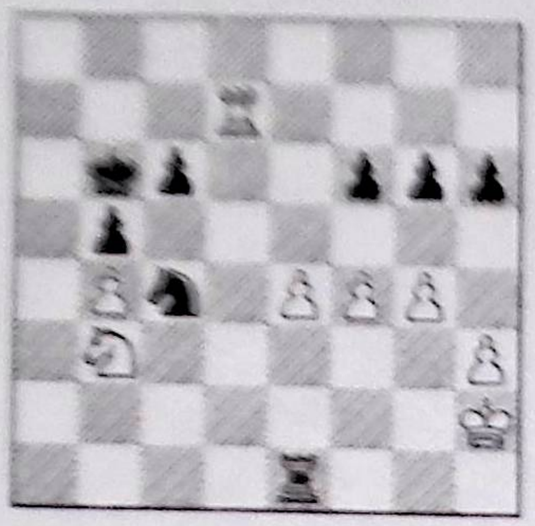
I have been using The Middlegame via ChessBase Light for a couple of days and it is fun and quick to study this way. I spend zero time setting up positions with a chessboard. It is all there for my on my computer monitor.

There are dozens of useful chess sites but I believe the two I've mentioned in this column are essential for one who wants to study chess with resources available on the worldwide web. Best of all they are totally free!

Featured Games

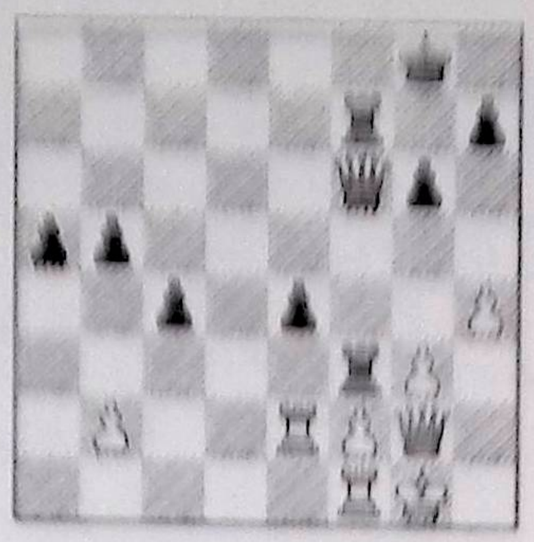
1999 Governor's Cup
W: Jon Sailer (1519)
B: Xiao Yu (1834)
1.d4 d4 (I won a $100 upset prize for this game, which took me completely by surprixe. It was a fun game to play.) **2.e4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bxe7 Ngxe7 7.Nbd2 Ng6 8.Nb3 Ngxe5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxe4 12.b3 Nd6 13.e3 O-O**

16.Re1 c6 17.Bd3 Bd7 18.O-O Rac8 19.b4 f6 20.Rd1 Rfd8 21.h3 Kf7 22.a4 Nb5 23.Nc5 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Ke7 25.Rd1 Rb8 26.Na4 Nc7 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rc1 b5 29.Nc5 Rd8 30.Re1 a5 31.Bd3 Nb6 32.Re3 axb4 33.axb4 Ra1+ 34.Kh2 Rb1 35.f4 Nc4 36.Nb3 Kd6 37.Rd3+ Ke7 38.Nc5 Kb6 39.Nd7 g6 40.g4 h6 41.h4 Re1 42.Re7



41...Rxe4 (I knew he was in trouble if he took the pawn, and he fell for the bait. Now he has to stop the Nc5 and Rb7 mate threat.) **42.Nc5 Re2+ 43.Kg3 Na5 44.Rf7 Re3+ 45.Kf2 Rxh3 46.Nd7+ Ka6 47.Nb8+ Kb6 48.bxa5+ Kxa5 49.Nxc6+ Kb6 50.Rxf6 h5 51.Rxg6 hxg4 52.Ne5+ Kc5 53.Nxg4 b4 54.Rg5+ Kd4 55.Rb5 b3 56.Ne5 Ke4 57.Rb4+ Kf5 58.Nf3 b2 59.Kg2 Rh8 60.Kg3 Rg8+ 61.Ng5 Ra8 62.Rxb2 Ra5 63.Re2 Rc5 64.Nf3 Kf6 65.Kg4 Rc6 66.Re5 Rc4 67.Rf5+ Kg6 Black Resigns (1-0)**

1999 North Dakota Closed
May 22, 1999
W: Art Bayley (1459)
B: Brian Thompson (1798)
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.d4 g6 5.O-O Bg7 6.Nbd2 O-O 7.Re1 d5 8.e3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.cxd5 Bxd5 11.Rb1? Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Bxa2 13.Rc1 Bd5 14.e4 Bb7 15.Bc3 c5 16.d5 Bxc3 17.Rxc3 b5 18.Qd2 a5 19.e5 c4 20.Qh6 f6 21.Nd4 Qb6! 22.Ne6 Rf7 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.Qd2 Bxd5! 25.Nf4 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Rd8 27.Qe2 Nd5 28.Nxd5 Rxd5 29.Re3 Rd7 30.Kg1 Qd6 31.Qg4 Rf5 32.h4 e5 33.Qh3 Rdf7 34.R3e2 Rf3 35.Qh2 Qd4 36.Rf1 e4 37.Qh3 Qf6 38.Qg2 Rb3! 39.Qxe4 Rxb2 40.Qa8+ Kg7 41.Rxb2 Qxb2 42.Qxa5 c3 43.Qa1 Qxa1 44.Rxa1 b4 45.Kf1 b3 46.Rc1 b2 47.Rb1 c2 48.Rxb2 c1=Q+ White Resigns (0-1)



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[Brian Thompson] - In order to be published, all correspondence must include the member's name. Material will be included as space allows, and may be edited to fit the space that is available.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this edition of the newsletter! New contributors are welcome!

[Ronn Mindeman] - I'm moving the family to Long Prairie, MN for a new adventure. I've accepted a teaching position in a middle school. I'll be teaching 5 sections of math per day. Yahoo! Only one prep instead of the six I'm used to. That'll translate to approximately 130 or so students. Long Prairie is a beautiful community of 3,000. Carla will be the commuter. She will work 25 miles away in a town called Little Falls, MN (approx. 9,000). The girls will attend the Long Prairie School District.

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